

Grown in Alaska

Growing and keeping the "green" in Alaska

Alaska Grown

September 22-23, 2009

Other information:

- Participants may visit the Matanuska Electric Association arboretum and/or the Palmer demonstration garden during lunch or after the workshop. Directions will be provided.
- A list of lodging options in Palmer is available upon request.
- Parking is available in the Community Center or library parking lots.

Tuesday, September 22 Agenda

- 8:40** Beverages and light refreshments
- 9:00** Welcome - *Patricia Joyner*
- 9:15** Alaska Grown Standards - *Patricia O'Neil*
- 9:30** Making it Easy for Buyers to Purchase Alaska Grown Plants - Panelists: *Isobel Roy, Dan Rees, and TBA*
- 10:15** Questions & Discussion
- 10:30** Break
- 10:45** How Successful Growers Evaluate and Gain Access to Targeted Markets - *Patricia O'Neil*
- 11:15** Questions & Discussion
- 11:30** Lunch on your own
- 1:00** Sustainable Local Alaskan Plants Website - *Emily Longbrake*
- 1:15** Industry Standards and Municipal Specifications - *Scott Stringer*
- Municipal specifications for trees and shrubs
 - Species in demand and undesirable species due to over use, high maintenance, and invasive tendencies
 - American Standard for Nursery Stock
- 2:00** Questions & Discussion
- 2:15** Field trip
- Division of Agriculture Plant Materials Center. Tour of seed storage facility and lab, fields where plants are being tested, and newly constructed Ethnobotany Garden. Tour led by Agronomist *Peggy Hunt*.
- 4:30** Adjourn

Growers are encouraged to bring catalogs, plant lists, and other information on Alaska grown plants they have for sale.

Wednesday, September 23 Agenda

- 8:40** Beverages and light refreshments
- 9:00** Welcome - *Patricia Joyner*
- 9:15** Native Plant Propagation and Production - *Pat Holloway*
- Propagating and producing native plant species that are in demand
 - *Iris setosa*, *Myrica gale* (sweet gale), *Ledum* (Labrador tea), *Potentilla/Dasiphora fruticosa*, *Betula nana/B. glandulosa* (dwarf birch), *Spiraea beauverdiana*.
- 10:15** Questions & Discussion
- 10:30** Break
- 10:45** Wetlands Plants Propagation and Production - *Nancy Moore*
- Value of propagation rather than removing from the wild
 - Propagation methods for sedges
 - An easy and inexpensive way to grow large mats of wetlands plants, which may be adapted for other types of plants.
- 11:30** Questions & Discussion
- 11:45** Lunch on your own
- 1:00** Seedling Production from Seed - *Diane Haase*
- Nursery practices in other western states
 - Seedling quality evaluation
 - Resources available to growers
- 1:45** Questions & Discussion
- 2:00** Where do we go from here? *Patricia Joyner*
- What type of training, field trips, or workshops are you interested in participating in and/or helping to organize? Are there speakers you would like to hear? What technical assistance and research is needed?
- 2:15** Field trip
- Alaska Seed 'N' Tree Farms tour led by owners *Martin and Eliana Martinez*.
- 4:30** Adjourn

Speakers and Panelists

Diane Haase: Diane is the USDA Forest Service Nursery Specialist for the western states. She provides technological assistance to nurseries as a member of the national Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetics Resources team. Prior to her position with the Forest Service, Diane was associate director for the Nursery Technology Cooperative at Oregon State University for nearly 20 years where she conducted dozens of research projects designed to improve nursery practices, increase seedling quality, and maximize out-planting performance.

Dr. Pat Holloway: Pat is professor of horticulture at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She also manages the Georgeson Botanical Garden.

Landscape Architect: TBA

Patricia Joyner: Patricia is the program coordinator for the Alaska Division of Forestry, Community Forestry Program. She is an ISA certified arborist and a member of the Anchorage Urban Design Commission.

Emily Longbrake: Emily works on her family's farm, Country Garden Farms, growing hay and sod. She endeavors to keep local farmland in production, expand native plant production, and incorporate sustainable practices. Emily helped organize this workshop.

Patricia O'Neil: Patricia grew up on an almond farm in California. She attended Cal Poly and obtained a degree in agri-business with a focus in marketing. Patricia moved to Alaska seven years ago and has worked in the marketing section at the Division of Agriculture for the past two years.

Scott Stringer: Scott became Alaska's first municipal forester when he joined the Municipality of Anchorage in November, 2008. He previously worked in urban forestry programs in Missoula, Montana and Greeley, Colorado. Scott has a BS in Natural Resource Planning with an emphasis in Botany and Plant Taxonomy and is an ISA certified arborist.

Dan Rees: Dan is a forester and natural resources manager for the U.S. Army at Ft. Wainwright.

Isobel Roy: Isobel is a project administrator for the Municipality of Anchorage Project Management & Engineering and has worked for the MOA Horticulture Division. She holds an MA in landscape architecture and is an ISA certified arborist.

Nancy Moore: Nancy is a retired plant ecologist. She managed the Plant Material Center's Native Plant Nursery for the last four years before retirement. The focus of the nursery was to propagate native plants, including wetland species, from seed.



Speakers and attendees are invited to bring publications and/or copies of recommended websites, publications, and other resources that may be of interest to others.